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Latest News: Portions of Ship Bottom beaches closed to scan for potential explosives

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SHIP BOTTOM - Portions of the beaches in Ship Bottom were closed Wednesday to scan for additional ordnance, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said this afternoon.

The discovery of World War II era military munitions on Surf City beaches earlier this month contributed to the delay of the beach-replenishment project's completion. An electromagnetic scan of the Surf City beaches began Monday.

"Just a portion of the beaches are closed in Ship Bottom, 6th, 7th and 8th streets. When we did the nourishment in Surf City we tapered the project off in Ship Bottom," said Khaalid Walls, a spokesman for the Corps.

Walls said the Corps' goal is to reopen on the beaches by Memorial Day.

See Friday's edition of The Press for complete coverage.

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